

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing(s) include changes to FIGS. 4. The sheet containing FIG. 4 replaces the sheet including FIG. 4 amended by the Amendment filed June 23, 2005.

In item 3 of the Office Action mailed March 12, 2004, the Examiner objected to FIG. 4. In order to overcome this objection, the --Yes-- label for the SA3 path was replaced to read as "No," as suggested by the Examiner, in the Amendment filed July 12, 2004. This change was inadvertently not included in the REPLACEMENT SHEET included in a further amendment to FIG. 4 in the Amendment filed June 23, 2005.

Accordingly, the --Yes-- label for the SA3 path is replaced to read as "No."

For the convenience of the Examiner, annotated sheets showing the changes made are attached. Approval of these changes to the drawings is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2-3, 6-7, 10, and 12-13 are amended and the drawings are amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 5, 9, and 11 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, and 12-13 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Item 4 objects to claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12-13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 2, 6, 10, and 12 are rewritten herein in independent form with claims 4, 8, and 13 dependent respectively on rewritten claims 2, 6, and 12. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

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ENTRY OF AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Applicant requests entry of this Rule 116 Response because it is believed that the amendment of claims 2, 6, 10, and 12 and cancellation of claims 1, 5, 9, and 11 puts this application into condition for allowance and should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new features are being added or no new issues are being raised.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 3 AND 7 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER OGASAWARA (U.S.P. 6,327,576) IN VIEW OF BUTTON ET AL. (U.S.P. 5,786,584) AND BLAKLEY (U.S. APP. PUB. 2003/0204359)

In item 3, the Examiner rejects dependent claims 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogasawara in view of Button and Blakley. Claims 3 and 7 are amended herein so as to be dependent on claims 2 and 6 indicated as allowable if rewritten.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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ANNOTATED SHEET

FIG.4

